

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An external storage device which is connected to an image pickup apparatus provided with a first image storage medium capable of storing plural taken
5 images and image display means and adapted for backup of image information stored in said first image storage medium, the device comprising:

a second image storage medium capable of storing plural image information;

10 a connection detecting unit for detecting the connection with said image pickup apparatus;

a reception unit for accepting a backup instruction for the taken image by a user; and

15 transfer means for writing predetermined taken image information read from said first image storage medium into said second image storage medium and erasing said predetermined taken image information from said first image storage medium according to a detection output of said connection detecting means and
20 an output of said reception means.

2. An external storage device according to claim 1, further comprising:

25 a conversion unit for converting said predetermined taken image information, written into said second image storage medium, into an image matching a display ability of said image display means; and

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a second transfer unit for writing image information converted by said conversion unit in said first image storage medium.

5 3. An external storage device according to claim 1, wherein said reception unit accepts an operation for an operation unit of said image pickup apparatus.

10 4. An external storage device according to claim 1, further comprising charging means for charging a battery of said image pickup apparatus.

15 5. An external storage device according to claim 1, wherein said image pickup apparatus includes means for operating a file in said second image storage medium, and said external storage device executes an operation on the image file recorded in said second storage medium according to said file operation.

20 6. A control method for an external storage device connected to an image pickup apparatus provided with a first image storage medium capable of storing plural taken images and image display means capable of displaying at least said taken image and adapted for
25 backup of the image information, stored in said image storage medium, in a second image storage medium, the method comprising:

a connection detecting step of detecting the connection with said image pickup apparatus;

an operation step of accepting an operation of the user; and

5 a first transfer step of writing predetermined taken image information read from said first image storage medium into said second image storage medium and erasing said predetermined taken image information from said first image storage medium according to the
10 detection of connection in said connection detecting step and the acceptance of an operation in said operation step.

7. A control method according to claim 1, further
15 comprising:

a conversion step of converting said predetermined taken image information, written into said second image storage medium, into an image matching a display ability of said image display means; and

20 a second transfer step of writing image information converted by said conversion step in said first image storage medium.

8. An image pickup apparatus provided with an
25 image storage medium capable of storing plural taken image and an image display unit capable of displaying at least said taken image, comprising: